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T.R.: Beat System With System

Senators Hear From Cal

by Gary Austin

A five man committee from Purdue Calumet met Friday with five Indiana legislators to discuss the current budgetary situation of Purdue's regional campuses. Dean Elliott, Dr. Bechtel, Ken Goodwin, Al Jenvey and Mark Shimko comprised the liaison committee.

For over half an hour they presented their views to Senators Bainbridge, La Mere, Christy, Stanish, and Konrady. The specifics of the House appropriation, the Senate's opinions on education, the proposed use of the funds at the Calumet campus, and the effects of a fee increase on students were all discussed during the session.

The bill at that time was in a sub-committee of the Senate Finance Committee. The full committee was planning to vote on the education appropriation bill Tuesday (today), and then release it to the Senate floor. The Senators with whom the students spoke felt confident that the original request would be allocated. In the past, the full Senate has followed the committee's recommendations.

Upon investigation of the House bill, it was discovered that a tuition increase of one hundred dollars per year for each full time student was to provide the necessary income to bring the proposed allocation to a sufficient level. This proposal would have given the regional campuses only the minimum in operating funds, and many expansion plans could not have been initiated.

Specifically, the Calumet campus' plans for the third and fourth years of engineering, expanded major programs in medical technology and doubling of the humanities majors would have been seriously cut back. The offering of classes in aviation flight technology and industrial design also depends on the amount of state funds appropriated.

If the Senate version of the appropriation bill differs from that of the House, a joint reconciliation committee must meet and try to compromise the differences. An increase in the allocation by the Senate would still have to get this committee's approval.

Open Letter To The Boilermaker:

Students at Purdue University Calumet Campus rate plaudits for their orderly participation in the recent trip to Indianapolis.

Also, they deserve a new feeling of pride at being part of the Purdue Campus in Hammond.

The students also were praised for their excellent presentation of facts in seeking restoration of cuts in the school's operating budget for 1969-70.

Adding to the splendid record is the fact that the students were publicly praised on the Senate floor by Sen. Paul Stanish (D-Hammond).

All in all the students themselves conducted the best public relations project in the history of Purdue Cal. Their efforts accomplished a great deal toward improving the public image here.

Cordially,
Dave Samuels
Information Officer PUCC



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Students Off To Naptown At Dawn

by Rosemary Locasto

When Purdue Cal students make up their minds to do a job, they do it right. When I staggered into the lounge at what seemed to be the middle of the night, the majority of our travellers were there—half asleep, but there nonetheless. All three hundred students were well supplied with sandwiches, snacks, and gallons of coffee to help them brave the long bus journey.

At 7:00 A.M. the busses were boarded and NBC news was there to cover our departure. For the benefit of the camera we managed to give some semblance of being awake. Busses filled and everything intact, the caravan pulled out and began its long trip to our state capital. The feeling of pride in our students and hope for our cause began as we embarked on our journey and continued as I watched

my fellow students throughout that day. Once on the busses, the marshalls chose their groups of six or seven students and informed the ones that managed to stay awake of our procedure for the day's activities.

The first bus arrived in Indianapolis at noon, and the others arrived within minutes. The groups were informed to stay with their marshalls to prevent any possible mix-ups that might occur. We walked to the Columbia Club in mass, not without receiving a few questioning looks from passersby. Once at the Columbia Club, students assembled in its Grand Ballroom for the meeting with the finance committee. Those senators present to speak with us were greatly impressed with not only our appearance and conduct, but with our interest and concern for our university.

Dean Elliott and T.R. then spoke with the group expressing their pride in our behavior and optimism for the possibility of reaching our goal.

Permission was obtained for the entire group to sit in the Senate gallery and make our presence known to the legislators. So once again, the three hundred students from Purdue Cal took to the sidewalks of Indianapolis.

Upon arrival, as many students as could were seated in the gallery and listened to Senator Paul Stanish speak in our behalf. Our spirits were high as we left the gallery and headed toward our busses.

Several photographers covered our departure, and I can honestly say that we were quite an impressive sight as we spilled from the steps of the State house. Busses were boarded, roll was checked and we were on the road once again. Throughout most of our long ride home to Cal, students discussed the occurrences of the day and speculated on the possible outcome of the bill. The general feeling was one of pride and satisfaction that we had done our part and done it well. And as everyone settled back into the seats of the busses to unwind, the words of T.R. came back to us: "It's gonna be a hell of a semester if this is only the third week!"

Calumet Becomes University Community

February 23, 1969

To All Members of the University Community at Purdue Calumet:

Last week a miracle happened at Purdue Cal. The salutation above fits. For Purdue Calumet became a university community and as such showed what clear thinking, mature, and reasonable activism by all members of the community can accomplish.

The Indiana General Assembly knows we are here. Its members have now an abiding respect for what Purdue Calumet stands for and is trying to do. True enough, we still have more educating to do. For example, some of our friends have not yet realized something which we take for granted—that Purdue Cal has a life of its own, its own status, even its own tradi-

tions and that most of us are here because we want to be and because Purdue Cal can give us more of the things we are a part of the university for than a residence campus would be able to. In other words we're not part of the Purdue Cal community solely for economic reasons.

But the point is that we have demonstrated to the General Assembly our concerns and our responsibility is facing those concerns. We are assured that every effort will be made to keep our fee structure as it presently is and that there will be enough additional money to let us continue our development. However, it seems likely, in the realities of the State's income situation, that we will not receive nearly as much as we need to move as rapidly as we must if we are to serve the higher educational

needs of our area as we should. It appears that the Governor must be made aware of this, and Ken Goodwin and others have started making sure that he does.

The work of all groups last week culminating in the trip to Indianapolis resulted in tremendous success. Students showed to skeptics that young adults are, in the majority, mature and responsible despite the adverse publicity widely given to a few who are not. Faculty, clerical and service staff and administration all showed their full commitment to the idea and the dream that is Purdue Calumet. Finally, the real support of our business and industrial friends was apparent in the efforts and the help of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce.

Many people have done much to get us where we are. Much

more will need to be done. To name those who made contributions is risky but I want everyone to share my pride in those who were particularly outstanding. The senior class led the effort and that was a very positive leadership because these people were obviously motivated by love and pride in Purdue Cal. Alan Jenvey was the principal spokesman in the meeting with the Lake County Senators and others and under the extreme pressure he was tremendous. Mark Shimko and Ken Goodwin provided excellent back-up for Alan and the impression we made and the victory we won was a team effort. Tom Reinert and his organization made the day. Without T.R. we could have blown the whole thing and without the total student effort our mission could have degenerated into what many people down-

state were sure it was going to be. Nor can we forget the faculty and staff, many working behind the scenes. It took us all to make the community and to prove to the doubters that we are proud of what all of us have built at Purdue Cal and of what we expect it to become.

We made believers of many important people and we have promises of their support to help us make Purdue Cal into the institution we expect it to be. We probably won't get all we need. We are promised enough so that we can keep our momentum. And WE did it—all of us who are a part of Purdue Cal. I'm proud of you—I'm proud of us. And I, personally, thank each and every one. Let's keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Carl H. Elliott
Dean and Director

Open letter to the Calumet Boilermaker

Pride in Purdue Cal and dedication to the future of the Calumet Campus soared to new heights at Indianapolis on Friday, February 21, 1969. The students of Purdue Cal were welded together in reaction to a bill passed by the House of Representatives which contains an appropriation cut from the 1968-1969 level. The actions of the Purdue Calumet students in the State Capitol demonstrated to all who observed that they were extremely concerned about the appropriation for Purdue Cal. The presence in Indianapolis of many seniors, who would not be directly affected by fee raises, was indicative that student concern lay much deeper

than a reaction to payment of higher fees in 1969-1970.

After arriving at Indianapolis the students gathered in the ballroom of the Columbia Club, which had been rented for this occasion by Walter Ford of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. The ballroom, accommodating 400 people, was overflowing. A contingent of approximately twenty-five faculty members and administrative personnel watched this session with pride in the Purdue Cal students.

Tom Reinert chaired this meeting which was basically a question and answer period between the students and legislators. Among those who replied to student questions were Senator William C. Christy (Hammond), and two members of the Senate

Budget Subcommittee, Senator Paul J. Stanish (Hammond) and Senator Robert P. O'Bannon (Corydon). The Senators, in general, supported the students and were optimistic that the senate version of the appropriation bill would contain at least a small increase from the 1968-1969 level in the appropriation for the operating budget of Purdue Cal.

Accepting the invitation of Senator Stanish, the students subsequently appeared in the gallery of the Senate. On the floor of the Senate the Lake County Senator Stanish introduced the Calumet students to his colleagues. He had caught the spirit of the students' pride in the Purdue Campus of Lake County.

Prior to the arrival of the busses, a small delegation of students; Ken Goodwin (Student Body President), Allan Jenvey (President of the Senior Class) and Mark Shimko (Inter-council President) accompanied by Dean Elliott and the President of the Calumet Chapter of the American Association of University Professors met with the Senators from Lake County. The other Senators present were William Christy, Bernard Konrady, Albert LaMere and Paul Stanish. The Senators were supportive of the students' position and stated that, hopefully, the Senate version would contain increases for the Purdue Regional Campuses.

Other Purdue Cal supporters, including Dean Combs, Professor Jack Forbes and Professor Lee

Goodman stressed to various legislators at Indianapolis the importance of a budget increase for the Calumet Campus.

No matter what the final outcome of the appropriation bill may be, the spirit at Purdue Cal which developed during this crisis will never be forgotten and must not be lost. This spirit was reflected by one of our new faculty members who traveled to Indianapolis on Friday. Commenting on the events of the past few days and the attitudes and actions of the students he stated that of all the Universities in the country, "Purdue Cal is where I want to teach." I strongly second this statement.

Robert Bechtel
President, Purdue Cal
Chapter, AAUP

Success but Continued Action

Many people in the world today are very concerned about the education of, and the conduct of, the college student. These people have a right to be concerned. The high cost of educating a student in today's colleges, and the high quality of proficiency required of that student once he or she finishes college, is so staggering that grave doubts can easily arise as to whether or not these goals are being reached, and if they are, whether or not they are being maintained. Today, when a crisis develops in or on a college campus, the opposite is usually the case. Many people believe, and many times they are correct, that a group of college students cannot reach a solution

to a problem without turning to violence. I must admit that I was beginning to feel the same way.

Last week, a crisis developed at Purdue Cal. It was, and I must add, still is, a situation of immense importance. The importance of it was dictated by what it concerned, primarily, the threatened reduction of monies allocated to the Purdue Regional Campuses by the Indiana General Assembly. The reduction of this money would have meant a drastic decrease in the educational goals and accomplishments of Purdue Cal. It would have dealt a tremendous blow to the future of our school and our students. Fortunately, this par-

ticular crisis was different from similar situations on other campuses by one very important detail. That detail is that this was a situation handled in an unusually peaceful and orderly manner. For one whose knows the type of student that attends Purdue Cal, this is not so very unusual. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to convey the sentiments of those people who observed these students during this crisis and say, "GOOD JOB."

The situation was such, that for every situation, there was some person there to take care of it. The successful completion of the problem was an effort of dedication and per-

severance, and above all, of complete team effort. There were certain individuals who stood out and appeared to be dominating the action, but it was those many people in the background who really provided the work and sweat which led to success.

This would really seem like a time to pat ourselves on the back and say time time for a real rest. That time is not here, in fact, that time is still quite a distance away. This is the time for the real action to start. This is the time for all the students, faculty, administration, and interested friends of Purdue Cal to really start moving. Let's start right now, this minute. Let's continue to write let-

ters, send wires and make calls. Let those other legislators in the capital know that we see education as a right that should not, that can not and will not be denied. Let them know that if they want the state of Indiana to be the best state, then we have to have the best students and we can't have them without the best schools. Write the Governor and tell him the same thing; that education is a necessity that without which there can be nothing but chaos. If OUR Legislators and OUR Governor are truly OURS, then they must give us OUR money to maintain OUR Education.

Ken Goodwin
Student Congress
President